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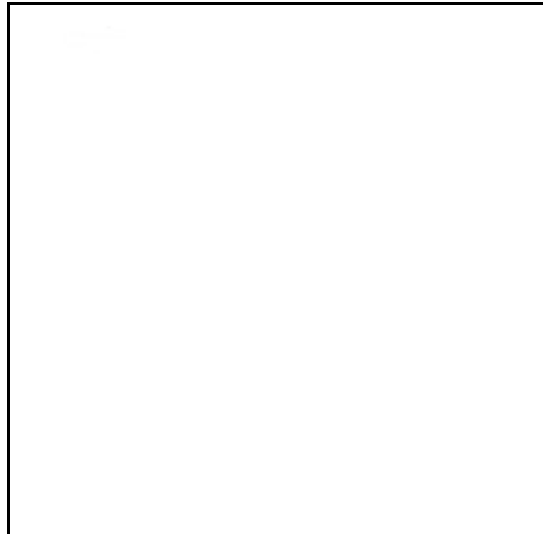
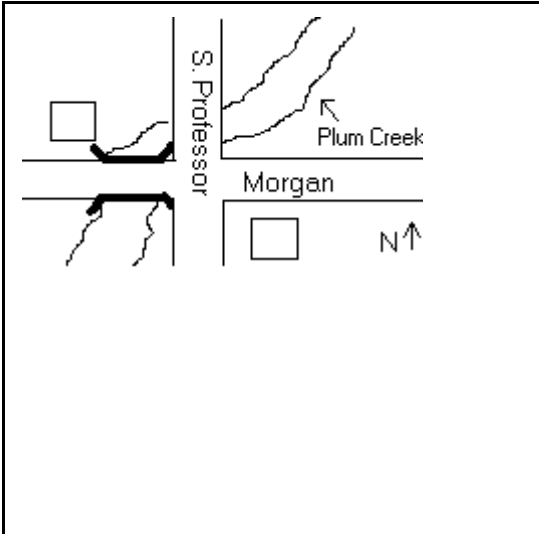
RPR Number:

1. No. LOR-1888-21		4. Present Name(s) Morgan Street Bridge		LOR-1888-21
2. County Lorain		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Morgan Street Bridge		
6. Specific Address or Location Morgan Street		19a. Design Sources		Lorain
		20. Contractor or Builder		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		2. County
		22. Original Use, if apparent Road (vehicular) Related Water Related		
7. City or Village Oberlin		23. Present Use Road (vehicular) Related Water Related		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 397798 4571343 Zone Easting Northing		24. Ownership Public		
10. Classification: Structure		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		Morgan Street Bridge
11. On National Register? NO				
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		26. Property Acreage		6. Specific Address or Location
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		27. Other Surveys		
16. Thematic Associations: TRANSPORTATION/COMMUNICATION		28. No. of Stories		Morgan Street
		29. Basement?		
17. Date(s) or Period 1880-1890		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing		Morgan Street
17b. Alteration Date(s)		31. Wall Construction Stone bearing		
18. Style Class and Design		32. Roof Type		Morgan Street
Element Queen Anne		Roof Material		
Element Richardsonian Romanesque		33. No. of Bays Side Bays		Morgan Street
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Limestone Concrete		
19. Architect or Engineer				Morgan Street
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p>This stone and concrete bridge is located on Morgan Street, just west of South Professor Street. The underside of the bridge is comprised of large, rock-faced limestone blocks that line the support walls of the bridge and extend along the banks of Plum Creek. The bridge is capped by modern concrete, just below the surface of the road. The surface of the road is asphalt flanked by grassy strips and sidewalks on each side. The bridge is approximately thirty-five feet wide across the road, and twenty-five feet wide across the creek. The railings of the bridge are wrought iron. The north railing has cast iron end posts that display a floral motif on a block that sits atop columns similar to Doric columns. The south railing has end posts that are more curvaceous and are capped by spheres (also cast iron). Small, modern fences extend out from the historic railing, but are not obvious, as they blend into the surrounding vegetation.</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>The date of construction of the Morgan St. bridge is unknown. A Morgan Street bridge is mentioned in the context of the 1887 flood, in which the bridge lost a few planks, but was only 'slightly injured,' while many other bridges, such as the South Professor St. bridge, were destroyed. The fact that planks were lost suggests that this bridge was not the stone structure standing today, which presumably would not have had or needed planks. Judging from the construction materials and design elements, the Morgan Street bridge was probably built at about the same time as the South Main St. and South Professor St. bridges, in the 1880s or 1890s. The Morgan Street bridge is the only one in Oberlin that still retains its probably-original wrought and cast iron railings.</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>This bridge is located on a residential street. A grassy park abuts the bridge's south side.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>'The Oberlin Flood,' Oberlin Weekly News, 1887-06-09, p. 3, c. 2; City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Gordon, Stephen C., 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus. 1992.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee. 'A Field Guide to American Houses.' Alfred K. Knopf Inc. New York. 2000.</p>				
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49. PIR Reviewer:				

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:

Door Position:

Orientation:

Symmetry:

Report Associated With Project:

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42. *Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)*

43. *History and Significance (Con't)*

44. *Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)*

45. *Sources (Con't)*